

Today

An Important French Baby.
I. W. W. Intelligence.
Eton Versus Stockyards.
A New Blindness.

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On this day, one hundred and sixty-one years ago, was born a French baby whose parents named him Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Lafayette.

He inherited the fighting qualities of the old Gauls that rushed into the sea attacking it with their swords, and replied to Alexander, who asked them what they feared: "Nothing, except that the sky may fall upon us."

That little French baby added to the courage of the old barbarian French the idealism of men that educated his century and ours. As he grew up his body lived in his father's chateau, and his associations were with the noble class in which he was born. But his mind was with the thinkers, with those that preached liberty, denounced tyranny whatever its source, and acclaimed knowledge, justice, and the rights of men as the ruling power of the world.

A boy in his teens, Lafayette came to this country, bringing to our small people inspiration and confidence.

We know how French widows, mothers of dead French soldiers, must have felt when they saw Pershing and his troops marching from great steamships and bringing the message, "We are here to fight with France until the end and victory."

So our ancestors felt when the brilliant young Frenchman landed from his ship with that same message:

"I have come to fight with you until the end and until victory."

A free government for free men was established on this continent. Lafayette and his comrades inspired the victory.

Free government, freedom for all men, will be established on the continent of Europe. And the men that America sends back from this land to the land of Lafayette will inspire that victory that is coming.

A small candle sheds its beams far on a dark night. And one man, like Lafayette, burning with love of freedom, shines brightly through the hundred years that have passed since he came here. He lights the road that our men travel now, to help France that helped us.

Prussia and Austria are delighted with a new fighting gas, alleged to cause permanent blindness. Let those that talked most of German Kultur remember that all the hideous villainies of this war are products of that Prussian mind. Take off the Kaiser's long military cloak, or his ceremonial robes lined with royal ermine, and you'll find an ordinary Prussian murderer, with one arm shorter than the other and a brain crippled like his body.

Luckily no blinding gas or other invention will seriously interrupt the work of America and the allies. The Kaiser needs now, more than anything else, something that will make his own subjects permanently blind. For their eyes are opening, and after the war the problem will not be what will the allies do with the Kaiser? But rather, what will his own subjects do with him?

Lord Reading, the learned Jew whose high rank is a tribute to British wisdom and freedom from prejudice, reminds the world, at the right moment, that victory over Prussia will be due not merely to fighting armies or ships. It will be as much an industrial victory as a military victory. The extraordinary accomplishments of American mechanics and American industrial organizers, transforming industry for war purposes in a few weeks, and supplying the allies' needs and armaments, constitute the conquering miracle of this war.

England likes to say that her great battle was won on the playground of Eton, where little boys wear top hats, bob-tailed coats, and absorb the traditions of the British gentleman. America's victories in this war will be won in the rolling mills of Pittsburgh and Gary, the stockyards of Chicago, and the ship-building plants that have grown like mushrooms all along the coast.

The business man who does a good day's work organizing, supervising, and the mechanic who puts in an honest day riveting or hammering has put in a FIGHTING day. And that applies to women who have taken up unusual occupations, releasing men for war or heavy labor.

The I. W. W., whose methods are murder, and very stupid murder, seek revenge "on society," as they term it. They forget that they themselves are part of human society, an inferior part, perhaps, but interested in the general human enterprise.

The highly intelligent revenge attributed to them in Chicago leaves untouched those by whom some of their leaders were justly and legally condemned and kills a woman and a sailor, a mail carrier and postoffice foreman. Every one of the four dead in this highly intelligent Chicago vengeance and the thirty wounded

WEATHER:

Fair and cooler today. Tomorrow fair and warmer. Temperature at 8 a. m., 61 degrees. Normal temperature for September 6 for last thirty years, 71 degrees.

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GERMAN LINES ARE ROLLED BACK FROM BELGIAN BORDER TO RHEIMS

MEN FIT FOR FIGHT TO BE WEEDED OUT OF DESK JOBS

General War Department orders issued today required that for desk jobs only technically qualified men, or men unfit for active service or with deferred classification for dependents shall be inducted.

Physically fit men, skilled in highly specialized occupations may be inducted for bureau service when it is shown that limited service men cannot be obtained for the place.

To Replace Men.

Orders have been issued to replace all men of the twenty-one-thirty-one draft, who would be classified in Class 1 and are now assigned to office work, by physically disqualified men or by deferred class men with dependents. This clean-up of the first draft office men must be accomplished by December 31.

To assure that this is done, bureau chiefs are required to issue a certificate on that date "stating that all men then employed and not replaced who are within the draft age are indispensable and that others not within the draft age are not available to take their places."

ALBERT STRAUSS FOR BANK BOARD

President Wilson is now filling a number of vacancies resulting from resignations.

He is understood to have selected Albert Strauss, of New York, as the successor of Paul Warburg, who recently resigned from the Federal reserve board.

Strauss has served as the Treasury representative on the War Trade Board and the Export Board. He is a former member of the New York firm of Seligman & Co.

SHELLS SINK SHIP; FIVE OF CREW LOST

Sinking of the American steamer Lake Owens, with loss of five of the crew, was reported to the Navy Department today. Submarine shells were said to be responsible.

The Navy Department is informed that the steamer Lake Owens was sunk by gunfire in foreign waters on the morning of September 3," said an official statement. "All the members of the naval armed guard were saved, only one, Chief Boatwain's Mate H. W. Lincoln, being reported in hospital, and his injuries are not regarded as serious.

"Five of the ship's crew are reported missing. All the other members of the crew have been landed, six seriously wounded and six slightly injured. The names of these were not given in the dispatch.

"The Lake Owens was an army cargo ship of 2,308 gross tons."

TWO AVIATORS HURT

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 6.—Lieut. A. B. Marvin, of New York city, was seriously injured and Sergt. H. B. Ehrbaugh was badly bruised in an airplane accident at Southern Field, Americus, Ga., late yesterday, according to advices received here today.

IF Pershing, vowing hatred for the Kaiser, should explode a bomb in a mess room filled with American soldiers, he would display a distinctly I. W. W. order of intelligence.

It is fortunate for the world that violence, ignorance, and stupidity go together.

WORSTER ALIBI PROVES FALSE IN SIFTING OF EVA ROY CASE

The first alibi given by Willie Worster, in the Staunton Asylum for the Insane, to "cover" his movements on the day of the Eva Roy murder has proved false. The dozen others are now being investigated by the Fairfax county officials.

While on the "grill" in the Staunton institution, where he was sent because of an attack on a Fairfax county colored girl the day following the Eva Roy murder, he gave a detailed account of his movements from 5 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The murder was presumed to have been committed about noon of August 6.

"Sandy" Denies Alibi.

Willie Worster claims to have arrived in Fairfax the morning of the murder on the trolley which arrives there at 8 o'clock. He claims to have gone to Young's garage and there talked to one of the employees by the name of "Sandy." Sandy is employed at the garage and is about the same age as Willie Worster.

"Sandy" says that he did not talk to Willie Worster on Tuesday, August 6, because he was driving a car for a tobacco salesman in another part of the county, having begun the journey early in the morning and not returning to Fairfax until 12 o'clock, noon. He also states that he could not have talked to Willie Worster the day following the crime because he was out on a similar trip in the employ of the garage.

Worked at Garage.

"Sandy" says that Willie Worster often worked at the garage and helped them the Monday morning before the day of the crime. He claims to have no prejudice against Willie Worster and has always gotten along all right with him.

Other citizens of Fairfax county mentioned in the series of alibis given by Worster have not been approached yet, as most of them do not live in the immediate neighborhood of Fairfax Courthouse. The authorities hope to investigate fully each person mentioned by Willie Worster and then search for some tangible evidence which may tend to closer incriminate the boy in Staunton or eliminate him as the possible murderer.

PRESIDENT SAVES SOLDIER

President Wilson's intervention has saved the life of another soldier it became known today. Private William A. Kerner, Company G, 306th Infantry, was sentenced to death by court-martial at Camp Upton, N. Y., for willful disobedience of orders. The President vacated the verdict.

Full Text Official War Statements. The New York American every day makes a special feature of printing the full text of official war statements issued by all the governments whose armies are engaged in the great world war.—Adv.

"DIDN'T MEAN IT," SAY BOYS WHO SHOT CHUM DEAD

"We didn't mean to do it. We were only fooling."

These are the words which are repeated again and again today by Charles Edward Swan, fifteen years old, and John Edward Davis, sixteen years old, who yesterday shot and killed Samuel Dixon, twelve years old, while he was swimming in the Eastern branch of the Potomac river.

Late yesterday afternoon Swan, Davis, and Joseph Edward Clark, fifteen years old, left their home intending to go on a hunting trip on the Eastern branch. Davis and Swan each carried a .22 caliber rifle.

Shot at Driftwood. The three boys got into a small boat and pulled out into the middle of the stream, where they began shooting at floating driftwood. Soon they got tired of this and again came back to the shore, where some of their friends were in bathing.

Among the bathers was young Dixon.

When the boat was within fifty yards of shore the boys in bathing began to rock it. Told to quit, they replied, "Aw, what do you care, we won't dump you over." Swan and Davis told them to stop, threatening to shoot. The boys in the water said "You ain't got nerve to shoot," and the rocking continued. Suddenly Davis and Swan fired their rifles, the two reports sounding as one.

Young Dixon sank, and when he came up just managed to say "I'm hit." Then he sank again. The drowning boy was pulled to shore and removed to Casualty Hospital, where he died an hour later.

Threw Guns Into River.

When the three boys in the boat saw young Dixon being pulled ashore, Swan and Davis threw their guns into the river and rowed to shore. Henry Ellis, a watchman at the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company, who had seen the accident, grabbed the boys and turned them over to the police who sent them to the House of Detention.

Dixon was found to be suffering from a wound in the right side. Both Swan and Davis say they used different kinds of shot, one of them firing a scatter-shot shell and the other an ordinary .22 caliber bullet. If this proves to be true the coroner will be able to place the blame for shooting on one or the other of the boys at the inquest tomorrow.

When Davis left the house yesterday afternoon he was carrying his gun in his hand, "broken." When his mother asked him where he was going he replied, "I'm going to sell my gun to a fellow, mama, and when I come back I'll give you \$2."

The boy then started down the street, but instead of selling his gun he met Swan and Clark, and they started on their "shooting trip."

Samuel Dixon, the dead boy, lived with his parents at 2307 Park place southeast. Charles Edward Swan, 536 Sixth street southeast; John Edward Davis, 730 L street southeast, and Joseph Raymond Clark, 914 M street southeast, are being held in the House of Detention for investigation until the inquest is held tomorrow afternoon.

CONSUL GENERAL DIES.

GENOA, Sept. 6.—Miguel Escalada, former under secretary of foreign affairs of Argentina and Argentine consul general to Italy for the past seven years, died here yesterday.



SAMUEL DIXON, Killed by playmates for rocking their boat.



JOHN EDWARD DAVIS, Sixteen years old, one of the boys held for shooting Samuel Dixon.

"RODY" WILL LEAD PERSHING SINGERS

ATLANTA, Ga., September 6.—Homer Rodeheaver, Billy Sunday's melody star, has gone to teach Pershing's men how to sing "Brighten the Corner," according to announcement received today at the Atlanta headquarters of the army and navy Y. M. C. A. of the southeast.

"Rody," as he is familiarly known, is to be a soldier song leader for the duration of the war.

He is to specialize in the one song that he made famous, but incidentally will dispense other tunes outside the evangelistic line.

FALL OF CHITA MEANS ALLIES WILL RESTORE FRONT IN EAST

Capture by the Czech-Slovaks of Chita, which has been a Bolshevik stronghold in the Baikal region of Siberia, represents one of the most important steps toward re-establishment of an allied eastern front, for Chita is the junction point of the Harbin and Vladivostok lines of the trans-Siberian railroad. Also it is the central point of a vast territory, rich in natural resources, that extends to the Ural mountains.

Incidentally, this allied progress probably will result in depriving the central powers of access to the almost inexhaustible platinum deposits that lie in the Ural valleys and contribute an indispensable munitions material.

To Provision Russia.

The provisioning of starving Russia will be made possible through allied efforts when the advantage now gained is advanced to such an extent that the American mission now in Siberia is able to use the lines of railroad westward from Chita, because the Baikal region is one of the most fertile in the world, and the Germans have been unable, because of the anarchy in all the Russian, to strip the country of its harvested crops, which this year are exceptionally bountiful. German and Austrian prisoners have been used largely in cultivating these crops.

YANKEES SAFE IN RUSSIA.

Consul Haynes, of Helsingfors, reported to the State Department today he had met the special train of Americans and others en route out of Russia and all were well. They expect to reach Stockholm September 7.

WAR JOB TRANSFER PASSED BY SENATE

The Senate today adopted the resolution introduced by Senator Thomas of Colorado requesting the President to transfer to other cities such divisions and bureaus of the departments as can perform their services elsewhere as efficiently as in the District.

Senator Thomas said conditions here were getting worse daily, that landlords were serving notices that leases would expire October 1, and that some action should be taken to meet the emergency.

He had no doubt that the President had ample authority to make the transfers.

BRITISH GAIN 4 MILES FRENCH AND AMERICANS TAKE SOUTHERN HEIGHTS

PARIS, Sept. 6, 4 p. m.—From the Belgian border to Rheims the three principal groups of German armies—Crown Prince Rupprecht's, General von Boehm's, and Crown Prince Wilhelm's, today continued to retreat.

Foch's lightning-like blows are forcing withdrawal after withdrawal. Mangin's pressure northward of Soissons has sent the crown prince scurrying back across the Aisne, leaving prisoners, guns, and material in the hands of the advancing French and Americans. Cavalry—part American and part French—galloped into German rear guards, cutting up straggling contingents.

Meantime, Humbert is pushing fast toward La Fere and St. Quentin, and the British are advancing their position before Cambrai and Douai.

The Armentieres salient in Flanders has been practically wiped out and the British are on the edge of Armentieres itself. Thus the Germans are practically back against the old Hindenburg line everywhere and the allied troops are across it in places.

French Force Lines Near St. Gobain Hills

LONDON, Sept. 6 (1:07 p. m.)—Between the Oise and the Ailette, the French are approaching St. Gobain Massif, it was learned here this afternoon. (The first German long range gun to operate against Paris was located in the forest of St. Gobain.)

The French have captured Outrecourt Massif, between the Somme and the Oise.

Neuve Chapelle Taken In Advance By British

LONDON, Sept. 6, 1 p. m.—Neuve Chapelle, in Flanders, north of Labassee, has been captured by the British, it was reported here this afternoon. (Capture of Neuve Chapelle would be an advance of two miles.)

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